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SUBJECT: TCDC -- FIRSZ WEEK WRAP-UP, AUG 29 THROUGH SEPT 6

1. SUMMARY: THE SALIENT FEATURE OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC)
TO DATE IS THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE SMOOTH PROGRESS OF THE
PLENARY SPEECHES AND THE HALTING AND BELATED ACTION IN THE
MAIN COMMITTEE. IN THE PLENARY, THERE IS VIRTUAL CONSENSUS
THAT NEITHER NEW UN BUREAUCRATIC MACHINERY NOR SPECIAL
FUNDING FOR TCDC IS DESIRABLE. THE MAIN COMMITTEE IS
STALLED AWAITING THE EMERGENCE OF A GROUP OF 77 POSITION
ON THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION. THE MOVE BY EGYPTIAN
MINISTER OF PLANNING, CHAIRMAN OF MAIN COMMITTEE, TO BROADEN
TCDC INTO ECDC, WAS STOPPED. THE CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP IS
NOW TAKING A TOUGH STAND ON TIMING AND WE EXPECT RAPID
PROGRESS IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. THE ROLE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED
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WORLD IN TCDC IS WELL RECOGNIZED. PRESIDENT CARTER'S
STATEMENT TO THE CONFERENCE WAS VALUABLE AND WELL
RECEIVED. NO UN POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE INTERRUPTED
CONFERENCE'S WORK. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE PLENARY DEBATE, COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY IS
JOINING THE VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT NEW BUREAUCRATIC

ENTITIES AND SEPARATE FUNDING FOR TCDC ARE UNDESIRABLE. BOTH DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE ESPOUSING THE BELIEF THAT TCDC SHOULD SUPPLEMENT BUT NOT SUPPLANT TRADITIONAL NORTH/SOUTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE ROLE OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD IN TCDC HAS RECEIVED WIDE RECOGNITION. ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTRIES HAVE MENTIONED SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SOME ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION, NONE HAVE TAKEN SERIOUS ISSUE WITH IT.

3. IN CONTRAST, THE WORK OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION HAS BEEN HALTING AND SLOW. AFTER NUMEROUS AND LENGTHY CAUCUSES AND SEVERAL FALSE STARTS, THE GROUP OF 77, ON SEPTEMBER 6, PRESENTED TO A MAIN COMMITTEE "WORKING GROUP" ITS SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES SECTION AND TO SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (32 AND 37) OF THE DRAFT PLAN. THE WORKING GROUP APPROVED (COB - SEP. 6) THE INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES PORTIONS AND RECOMMENDATION 32.

4. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE GENERATED WIDESPREAD POSITIVE REACTION AMONG THE DELEGATES AND CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRESS PLAY. IT HAS REDUCED THE SUSPICION AMONG LDC'S THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, WERE AVERSE TO THE CONCEPT OF TCDC. THE MESSAGE ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STIMULATED WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

5. TO STIMULATE FORWARD MOVEMENT, CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, GENERAL POZZO, CONVENED EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 6 A CONTACT GROUP CONSISTING OF THE SPOKESMAN OF THE G-77, THE EASTERN EUROPEANS, THE PRC, THE DUTCH, THE US, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE. POZZO TOOK A FIRM LINE ON TIMING AND SET SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 10 P.M., AS THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR THE MAIN COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE PLAN OF ACTION. THE US PROPOSED ESTABLISHING A SMALL DRAFTING COMMITTEE THAT COULD WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN THE PRESENT CUMBERSOME WORKING GROUP.

6. ON AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 1, EGYPTIAN DELEGATE IN MAIN COMMITTEE URGED THAT DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION INCLUDE PROBLEMS OF DEBT SERVICING. WE CONSIDERED THIS AS FIRST STEP BY EGYPTIANS TO BROADEN CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS INTO UNCTAD-TYPE ECDC (ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) DEBATE. USDEL MOVED QUICKLY AND AT PRIVATE THREE-HOUR LUNCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2,

SEEMINGLY CONVINCED EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THIS WAS WRONG
TRACK TO START DOWN, DANGER FOR THEM BEING THAT TCDC
IDEA MIGHT BE KILLED IN THE PROCESS.

7. NO STANDARD UN POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE INTERRUPTED
THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE. THE ONLY EXHCNAGE
OF BRICKBATS WAS BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE SOVIET UNION.
IRAQ MADE A COMMENT AGAINST ISRAEL, IN PASSING, BUT EVEN
LIBYA GAVE A CALM AND RATIONAL STATEMENT. THE
OVERALL ATMOSPHERE IS POSITIVE AND HIGHLIGHTS THE
EXTENT TO WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REGARD THIS AS
AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO THEM AND DO NOT WANT TO
JEOPARDIZE ITS CONCLUSIONS.

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